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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I do not agree with the current proposed settlement as it stands. I have signed Dan Kegel's petition being submitted to you. Also, I ask you to reconsider your position and read Dan's website.
<http://www.kegel.com/remedy>

Without fixing this problem now we, as a nation, are consigning ourselves and future generations to facing a severe monopoly in the software market in America. Competition in this market in a fair and equitable basis lowers prices for vital research and business functions of public and private markets. Most significantly, from my point of view, research funded by the government cannot afford a Microsoft dominated market. Linux and open source free software is just now setting research programs free of huge licensing overheads. American business needs a cost reduction in software licensing, especially in desperate economic times in the IT market.

All the horror stories of excited young companies with fresh new ideas and new technology being eaten and destroyed by Microsoft should fuel your drive to tame this monster! If Microsoft had decent ethics and treated people right, I wouldn't feel this way or be writing this letter. In fact, you would not have the case you have. I respect the work and time Dan Kegel has put into his review of the proposed settlement. Please give it your consideration. Thank you,
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